

Protective Order Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes
October 24, 2003

The Protective Order Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center in Indianapolis on Friday, October 24, 2003 from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center.

1. Members present. Tammy Baitz, George E. Brown, Stephen M. Jessup, J. Douglas Knight, Robert E. Lybrook, Jerry L. Ummel and John W. Forcum, Chair
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz and Tom Jones provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting on August 21-22, 2003 were approved.
4. Protection Order Deskbook. Committee members revised the following sections of the Protection Order Deskbook: Termination/Modification, Full Faith and Credit. They agreed to review other chapters at later meetings.
5. Administrative Rule 9.
 - a. Mr. Bercovitz distributed proposed Administrative Rule 9 to members of the committee.
 - b. Clerk Baitz expressed concern about the confidentiality provisions of this rule to protection orders. Committee members agreed protection orders would continue to be distributed to law enforcement agencies, lawyers and litigants under this rule (except for the confidential form), the protection order file should be open (except for the confidential form), and the information excluded from the public under Rule 9 (G)(1)(e)(i) is the same information that is available in a criminal case. The civil protection order information should be available in the same manner as criminal case.
6. Speaking in Marion County. Judge Forcum reported he agreed to speak on Friday, November 21, 2003 at the Marion Superior Court's All Day Training. He agreed to contact Judge Sheila Carlisle and/or Judge Clark Rogers for an update on issues in Marion County.
7. Protection Order website.
 - a. Mr. Bercovitz distributed emails to the website from August – October 2003.
 - b. The portion of the website permitting members of the public to ask questions should be shut down since so many persons are asking legal questions about their individual case.
8. Next meeting dates. Committee members agreed meet at the following times: Friday, January 30 and February 27, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with overnight the night before the meeting paid from grant funds; March 26, April 23, and June 25, 2004 from 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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